

**Minutes of a Meeting of Unstone Parish Council**  
**Held at Moorland View Elderly People's Club, Apperknowle**  
**On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

- Present: Cllrs S. Hopkinson (Chair); J. Elliott; J. Hill; M. Lilleyman; K. Perkins; T. Rogers; and V. Tebbs.
- In attendance: A P Jones (Clerk); E Smith (RFO); M. Brown (Caretaker) and 5 members of the public.
- 089/16 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A. Dale; K. Fisher; R Smith; District Cllr V. R. Smith (NEDDC) and PC Sally Horner.
- 090/16 There was no variation in the order of business.
- 091/16 Cllr Terry Rogers declared an interest in items 081/16.1 Request for a Cultivation License for verges at West Handley and 082/16.3 the unlawful scrap business allegedly being run at the Rose Nursery at West Handley, and will not take part in these items.
- 092/16 Marie Wilson of GEDA Construction gave a presentation of a proposed affordable housing development between Unstone Nursery and the Junior School off Main Road, Unstone. The development is expected to be on site by March 2017. Together Housing Association would be the landlord offering capped rent and shared ownership options prioritising local needs occupancy. Site plans were examined by Councillors and public. It was noted that Planning Applications for the development would go through the normal consultation process and that UPC and members of the public would have an opportunity to make any comments at that time. It was agreed that UPC would publicise information about the proposals on the UPC web site (in due course).
- 092/16 a) PC Sally Horner had sent a report. There was a theft of a motor vehicle on Whittington Lane, and two incidents of anti-social behaviour. Crime stats have reduced by half in the overall area over the last year.
- 092/16 b) There was no District Councillor report.
- 092/16 c) County Councillor Hill reported that HS2 is going ahead. Little else to report. Cllr Elliott reported that the flooding has much improved and thanked Cllr Hill for liaising with DCC Dept. on this matter.
- 078/16 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 had been circulated. They were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 079/16 There were no confidential items.
- 080/16 There were no Chair's announcements.
- 081/16 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.
- 081/16 .1 The application for a Cultivation License for the verges at West Handley and the flower bed in Apperknowle had been sent. The verges at West Handley had in fact been treated with weed killer by NEDDC since the last meeting and consequently grass seed which had been put down by residents had not germinated. The Cultivation License for the flower bed at Ramshaw Road would be applied for following this meeting (map now provided.)
- 081/16 .2 UPC had previously agreed in principle to donate £120 to Apperknowle Well Dressing for 2017 to cover costs of flowers. This was formally ratified. Mr John Almond thanked UPC on behalf of the Well Dressers.
- 081/16 .3 Building Control advises that the house formerly 39, High Street, Apperknowle is renumbered 37. Noted.
- 081/16 .4 GEDA Construction proposes to build an affordable housing development on land between Unstone Nursery and the Junior School. Notice of this had arrived too late to be an agenda item for this meeting. This will be an agenda item for November's meeting and a Marie Wilson of GEDA Construction will be invited to the meeting to give details of the proposals and answer any questions from Councillors. Details will be circulated prior to 17<sup>th</sup> November.
- 081/16 .5 The Clerk had received a request under the Freedom of Information Act for '*... all correspondence (including emails, maps, email attachments, power point presentations etc.) between the Parish council and INEOS in relation to the recent discussions regarding shale gas, fracking, seismic surveys etc. ... to include correspondence with consultants appointed by INEOS for example FGP. ... from January 2016 to present day.*' In fact there had not been any correspondence, although September minute 066/16.3 was noted. The Clerk wished to alert the Council to the evident concern of residents to the possibility of fracking in the parish.
- 081/16 .6 The Clerk was not able to produce enough material to fill the Parish Magazine due to pressure of time. The magazine will not be viable unless there are sufficient contributions from others. Several Cllrs committed to producing items for the current issue and ongoing. UPC is very keen for the magazine to continue.
- 082/16 Items Raised by Councillors.
- 082/16 .1 Peak Resort Update. The developer Rupert Carr has advised Cllr Hopkinson that the start of building work is imminent. Cllrs Hopkinson, Perkins, Rogers and Elliott will form a liaison group to meet with Rupert on a regular basis throughout the development to keep the parish council apprised of any issues which arise.
- 082/16 .2 Cllr Dale proposed that UPC send an objection to the proposals for a Parliamentary Boundary Review worded "*That this Council strongly objects to the Boundary Commission for England's initial proposals as part of its 2018 review of Parliamentary Constituencies, which will see Unstone Parish placed in a new constituency with Bolsover and District. The proposals have no regard to the existing constituency or District Council area of North East Derbyshire, both of which are set to be split into three different constituencies. It fails to respect local ties, as Unstone has no sense of shared identity with Bolsover and its District. There are no*

*direct bus routes from Unstone Parish to Bolsover, and nor is Bolsover a local sphere of influence for residents living in Unstone Parish.*

*It is the belief of this Council that Unstone Parish should remain firmly within North East Derbyshire District, to which it has strong local ties. We therefore propose, as a more suitable alternative, a North East Derbyshire constituency which is coterminous with the District Council area and would satisfy the electorate criteria.” This was unanimously agreed. The Clerk will send this in the name of UPC. (submitted on-line reference BCE-19110)*

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- 082/16 .3 Update on the status of the Rose Nursery at West Handley allegedly being run as a scrap business without planning approval. District Councillor Rosie Smith had reported that enforcement officers at NEDDC are awaiting planning approval for it to be run as a nursery conditional on the parking areas being kept clear. They will then be able to take enforcement action if the conditions are not adhered to. Members of the public had obtained aerial photographs of the plot which the Clerk will forward to NEDDC Planning Dept.
- 082/16 .4 UPC unanimously approved the purchase of a speed gun of the specification recommended by our Police advisers @ £142. The Police train volunteers on the process for using the gun and completion of documentation. The police write warning letters to speeders, and after a 3<sup>rd</sup> incident of speeding they will take them to court. Cllr Smith has already undergone training with several Unstone volunteers. It was approved that Cllr Smith will arrange to make the purchase, and also co-ordinate the team to achieve regular monitoring of speeding through the village. A number of other Councillors are also willing to undergo training.
- 082/16 .5 Cllr Smith observed that the website is not being kept up to date. The Clerk agreed and reported that due to the website being managed through Wish Computers we do not have direct control over content and speed of updating. Cllr Smith offered to bring proposals to the November meeting to set up a new website where we would have direct control over the content and also avoid the costs of using external providers. Cllr Smith was thanked for his offer and was asked to go ahead with his suggestion.
- 082/16 It was noted that DALC circulars up to # 15 and other relevant correspondence had been circulated. Copies are available from the Clerk.
- 083/16 Parish Facilities – Caretakers Report. This is given at Appendix 1.
- 083/16 .1 The Caretaker advises that the septic tank at the Community Hall is due to be cleaned and he was given the authority to go ahead and use a local specialist.
- 083/16 .2 Trees need to be cut down at Sharman Play Area. The Caretaker was authorised to obtain 3 quotes from local tree surgeons to bring to the November meeting.
- 084/16 RFO’s report.
- 084/16 .1 Nothing to report on Parish Facilities.
- 084/16 .2 The RFO’s financial report had been circulated and was approved.
- 084/16 .3 Cheque/BACs request for October a total of £5,976.83 was unanimously approved along with current income sheet and bank reconciliation.
- 085/16 .1 To Consider Planning Applications/ Appeals.
- 085/16 .1 a) 16/00972/LDC Application for Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single story extension to side of 1 Springbank. No comments.
- 085/16 .1 b) Consultation received from neighbouring authorities  
CHE/16/00535/HAZ - Plot 1 South, Markham Vale, Chesterfield  
Application for hazardous substances consent to store 3,000 tonnes of flammable aerosols (quantity increased from 1,000 tonnes to 3,000 tonnes on 03/10/2016). The Clerk reported that the HSE had no objection to the application, and on that basis Councillors had no objection.
- 085/16 .2 To note Planning Decisions:
- 085/16 a) NED16/00856/CM CW4/0715/60 - Additional information about importing inert infill to site at Apperknowle Cricket Ground High Street Apperknowle for Derbyshire County Council. NO OBJECTION.
- 085/16 b) NED16/00929/DISCON Application to discharge condition 8 (Levels) relating to 13/00097/FL at Prospect Cottage Hundall Apperknowle Dronfield for Mr & Mrs David Oldale. CONDITIONS DISCHARGED  
Decisions a) and b) above were noted.
- 086/16 Public Participation.
- 086/16 .1 A member of the public complained that the Cultivation License was taking a long time to sort out and it was disappointing that we had no summer planting in the flower beds. Compared to other neighbouring parishes Unstone had looked very dull this year. This was noted and it is expected that 2017 will be a big improvement.
- 086/16 .2 The member of the public also reported that some of the central traffic bollards on Main Road were unlit. The Clerk will report this to DCC Highways. (DCC Report Reference number F208669)
- 086/16 .3 A member of the public reported that when DCC cut the trees at the bottom of Cheetham Avenue branches and other debris was left in the road (now cleared).
- 087/16 The next meeting was confirmed as 7.30 p.m. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016. This will be the Christmas meeting.
- 088/16 Items noted for the November 2016 agenda.

- Affordable Housing Development.
- Website

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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#### Appendix 1.

Grounds/Parish Warden Report on work done;

1. Routine grass cutting strimming, tidying etc. of all parish grounds
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6. Ongoing roof repairs at Community Hall
7. Painted hand rails at Community Hall
8. Painted interior of Community Hall where scuffing or damage had occurred.
9. Renovation work underway at War Memorial.
10. Ordered replacement panelling for climbing frame at Sharman play area.
11. Repairs to matting at St John's play area – ongoing.
12. Repairs to bench at Summerley.
13. Re seeded grassed area in goal mouth at Brierley Park. Unfortunately due to vandalism the area had to be done several times and will need doing again in the spring. Barriers placed around the area were ripped down and the freshly seeded soil trampled and kicked about on 4 occasions and barriers completely vanished on the fifth occasion.
14. Repairs to wire fencing ripped down at Brierley Park
15. Reported tipping in river at Whittington Park to Environment Agency.
16. Repaired churned up area of grass at Community Hall caused by a car.
17. Filled large hole on path leading from Community Hall to War Memorial due to rain water
18. Jet washed around Community Hall